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THE Moffatt bell punches will cost the State \$5 each. N. P. BANKS, of Red river

fame, has become a confirmed spiritualist. THE Georgetown Record is

published by W. N. Foster and edited by N. Q. Henderson. THE firemen of San Antonio want the next annual meeting

of the State Association held in GEN. TREVINO says emphati cally that he will not be a candidate for the Mexican presi-

TOADS are sold in Pasis by the barrel. Vegetable gardeners buy them to devour insects in heir gardens.

WM. ELLIOTT, alias Colorado Bill, has been convicted of murder in the United States Court at Fort Smith.

THE Spofford-Kellogg case is undergoing investigation by the sepate committee on privileges and elections. The railroad war on freights

eastward from St. Louis is over and rates have been advanced to the Chicago basis. THE BANNER is indebted to

Hon. S. B. Maxey for a copy of the president's message and documents 1878-9. WENDELL PHILLIPS and John

G. Whittier are about the only distinguished survivors of the original abolitionists. Col. CANNON, of the Santa Fe railway, has called a meet-

ing at Belton on June 14th in the interest of the company. Wisconsin was visited by a severe frost on the night of the 6th inst. Corn, potatoes and

vegetables up were badly dam-Snow storms prevailed North Troy and Sandwich, N.

H., on the 7th inst. Crops are much damaged by the snow and

THE Corpus Christi Bull Dog has velped its last yelp, and barked its last bark. It has gone to meet the Caldwell BELTON is certainly a model

town; during the three days of the fireman's celebration there wasn't a drunken man in THE Lawrence house at Bur-

lington, Iowa, was burned on the 6th inst. The guests escaped from the upper stories by THE strike among the iron

workers at Pittsburgh has ceased, the manufacturers having agreed to the demands of the workers. AT Corsicana they are listen-

ing for the whistle of the St. Louis and Texas narrow gauge railway. The people talk nothing but railroad.

WITH its issue of Sunday last the Dallas Commercial ceased its existence as an individual paper and merged its fortunes with the Herald

THE Hillsboro people are desireous of railroad connection with some point or other-they ain't a bit particular and would be satisfied with a narrow gauge

GEN. HAMPTON made a speech in the senate on the army appropriation bill, he favors keeping up the army but would not have it used as an instrument of oppression.

THE state board to award contracts for conveying convicts to the penitentiary, met in Austin on the 5th and awarded the contract to Cunninghan & Ellis at \$39 per capita. There was only five bidders in all. Cunningham & Eilis are the present of the stalwart leaders of the lessees of the penitentiary.

ahead of its town

THE Waco Telegram gives notice that in referring to the

AT Las Vegas, N. M., on the d inst., an Italian and a Mexican in jail at that place on a charge of murder, were taken the public square.

An Austin special to the News says there will be a good working majority in the senate for cutting down the school appropriation, but the house is not yet heard from.

THE colored convention is to be held at Houston, because watermelons will be cheap and abundant. Houston is the best watermelon market in the world-for buyers.

A SPECIAL to the News from Washington says the prospects of Homan's confirmation now look very favorable. If he is confirmed it will be time to "tally" one for Wash Iones.

THE Horticultural and Pomo ogical exhibition at Houston has been promised a cabinet of Japanese curiosities and vertu, including the trees and fruit of Japan persimmon and orange.

THE Flatonio Argus publishes a telling caricature. It is a school house with the door and windows barred up. A man standing in front says, "Go home, no school for poor chil-

THE Indians have put on a oold front and on Saturday norning stole horses from within two miles of Fort McKavett. The trail was found six miles ty fighting editor. out and a party was sent in pur-

THERE seems to be a probability that the letter carrier system will be introduced in Texas cities having over 20,000 inhabtants. It will be a year or two before Brenham has letter car-

THE Navasota Tablet says that John Wesley Hardin, from fesses to the murder of Haldeman in Gonzales county, for which crime Brown Bowen was executed last summer.

THE Sherman and Denisor local editors have been studying Chesterfield. One in referring to the other says: "Fresh iackass from Kentucky, lop eared cur, etc." It's real nice to be a loke on one of those pa-

THE Dallas Bee learns that a new evening paper is soon to make its appearance and says unless they have means and talent to establish a good paper it would be a good thing if the fool-killer would come along and slay them.

MAI. T. E. Davis has retired from the Houston Telegram and Col. J. L. Bartow succeeds to the editorial chair. Col. Bartow is well known in Texas journalism and will no doubt fully maintain the standard and reputation of the Telegram.

THE News' San Antonio sifter says the Houston papers talk of an excursion from San Antonie to Houston on the 4th of July. and on that day everybody goes out into the country, so when a San Antonian goes to Houston on the 4th of July he is out in

the country. THE Huntsuille Item began its twenty-ninth year with its last issue. It is becoming quite an aged paper, but its venerable proprietor, Item George, has not yet grown rich, though there is no telling what he may do before the expiration of the present century.

THE Grand Army of the Republic will hold a national encampment at Albany, N. Y., on the 17th inst. It is to be the grandest gathering of the organization ever held. The president and most of his cabinet will be present, as well as most

Waco has a magnificent \$40. Houston is about to put her-ooo opera house— on paper. Self on a summer basis, an effort self on a summer basis, an effort The San Antonio Express con- will be made to disband the posoles itself with the reflection lice force, leaving the chief and that Waco is only that much deputy to police the city themselves. The fire department is

also to be abolished. THE silver bill hangs fire in Dallas Herald and Commercial the senate, the friends of the it will abbreviate it to H-C, bill will make strenuous efforts as time is money and life is | to get it through. The anti-silver democrats, headed by Bayard, are working with the republicans to defeat it.

HERE is one of the very latest news items that is going the out by citizens and hanged on rounds of the press: "Thomas Jefferson was only 23 years old when he wrote the declaration of independence." News items were scarce when that paragraph was framed.

THE Houston Telegram refuses to be comforted. We have offered to excurt Houston over the Santa Fe railway to Brenham next fall, and the Telegram is not satisfied, it wants a through ticket to Jeddo, Hong-Kong and lic expected this for nothing. Vokohoma.

THE Flatonia Argus says it has set down on the governor and intends to stay there until he signs an appropriation for the maintainance of free schools and thereby give, the children of the poor an opportunity to obtain an education,

In Onio there is trouble in the greenback camp. A convention was held at Columbus on the 4th and several prominent men made speeches denouncing its action. Another convention is called for Toledo, at which a new ticket is to be nominated.

THE Brownwood Daily Banmr has made its appearance at this office. Brownwood is now barber shop while Happy Jack dispenses fluid comfort, and the Banner itself supports a hef-

THE legislature meets to-day. The governors' opening message, it is reported, will be brief The first business disposed of will probably be the appropriation for the payment of the interest on the public debt, after that the school question will bloom out in all its glory.

AT appears that the producon of the precious metals falling off materially. From mint reports ninety-five millions of gold and silver were produced last year, but for this year the estimate is only sixty-five millions. The theory of the demonetization of silver is losing ground and its remonetization becomes more probable.

THE Colorado Citisen discourses on the Kansas emigration question. It thinks the best thing the colored man can do is to stay where he is. We think he had as well go to Kansas as any other northern state -it is time lost advising the negro. He can vote the republican ticket as well in Kansas as he can in Texas.

THE Belton Journal expresses its opinion of our man Jones, congressman Iones. It says he has no more back bone than a grub worm, and he would make a first-class demagogue if he brass to counterbalance the dog inherant in his composition. This is pretty rough on Jones. but the BANNER can stand it if

San Antonio has been visited by several excursions from Galveston and attempted to get up an excursion to repay the compliment. The railway company could not be induced to come to terms, and it had to be abandoned. Just after the opening of the road a number of San Antonians excurted to Galveston and returned home satisfied that Galveston people were well up in the art of charging.

It is reported that James Murphy, the man who "gave away" the Bass gong, died in great agony of poison at his home in Denton county. He has lived a life of terror since his treachery, sleeping in jail or under guard for safety. Unremaining members of the gang the day before Murphy's death, twenty miles of Brownwood. schools are too expensive.

Newspaper Puffs

A case involving the value of newspaper puffing, has lately been decided in the Missouri supreme court. It appears that on. Several for the proprietors of the St. Louis | teams. Republican, at the time the great bridge there was projected, were These po engaged to write up the enterprise in their paper. In final settlement the paper received ently at bridge stock to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. The bridge company getting into the hands of creditors it was claimed that the stock issued to the newspaper had not been paid for, and suit was brought to enforce payment. The judge in delivering his opinion said Public journals use their columns and their influence for the legitimate purpose of earning money, and this fact is well known to the community at large. It was necessary for the bridge company to have means reaching the public ear, and neither the company, nor the pubnor is it likely that the public at large is deceived by such use of the public press. The stock was held to have been fully paid for in editorial work.

This is most conclusive evidence of the value of newspaper influence, vet some persons suppose that it is the mission of a newspaper to puff them for

ABOUT one quarter of the dealers in "wet groceries" in good throughout the state and

over one half. THE unveiling of two monuments erected to the memory of the confederate dead, at Win chester, Va., took place on the 5th inst. The first monument is of marble 49 feet in height surmounted by the statue of a confederate soldier resting on his musket. It bears the inscription. "Erected by the people of the south, to 829 unknown confederate dead in grateful remembrance of their heroic efforts and their example of unstinted devotion to duty." The other monument is a marble shaft, surmounted by an urn Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was chief marshal on this occa-

THE Houston Telegram calls attention to a subject that sooner or later will be of vast importance to the south. It is small farms, cultivated by the owner, in other words the farmer is his own landlord and becomes identified with the community and its interests. The system of had a little more courage and large farms has proved unsuccessful in many localities, especially has this proved the case in the western states. In the south it is but little better and but few large plantations are making money, though in some instances they are.

TWENTY-FIVE years ago Switzerland abolished capital punishment. The result was their prisons swarmed with criminals. Life was not as safe as formerly Murderers grew more reckless. and the people demanded a remedy. The twenty-five years' trial has convinced them that imprisonment for murder is a failure, and last week the federal council solemnly decreed a return to the gallows and the hangman, as the only hope of diminishing crime.

THE last issue of the Brownis not so high, but still rages

Political Liberty The Fairfield, Iowa, Tribune of last week says: "Some twen- road. ty-two colored people of this b city started for B as, by war-These poor fi from a rep have been outrageo by the party which is her power-the republican-enat could no longer be endured.

at least occasionally they will be recognized in nominating The question now is will the epublican journals of the north, the Chicago Inter-Ocean, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and others of the same ilk give any publicity to this Iowa item. In this instance we have colored men in free, enlightened, republican Iowa completely debarred of their political rights ; they dare not vote unless they vote right, and voting right is voting the republican ticket. To such an extent has this been carried that they have been compelled to leave in order to secure political freedom. In Iowa the negro is a chattel politically; he is allowed no privileges, holds no offices and goes a delegate to no conventions. He has no political liberty whatever. The republican party have been in overwhelming majority in Iowa and it seems have right well used their power. The presi-McLennan county will retire dent should send the army to from business as soon as the Fairfield, Iowa, to protect the bell punch is inaugurated. This | "wards of the nation." It may proportion will probably hold however make a great difference with the administration as to may even be larger. There is whose bull is gored. In the just about so much whiskey to south the negro is accorded the be drank in every county and fullest civil and political liberty, an important mining town; a whether the bell rings or not it he votes the republican ticket Leadville. Irish Jake runs a will be done. The bell punch early and often and does it as a law was enacted to increase the sacred duty, a duty upon which revenue, time will show whether his future salvation depends it does or not. The indications and in some parts of the counare that it will not and there try, as in Iowa, it is dangerous will be much clandestine whis- for him to vote any other way key drinking. When the time Here in Texas we have some comes for paying the license and | half dozen negroes in the legisgetting the punch many who lature and in several counties now think they will go into it we have negro county officials, will back out so that the pro- in fact we have them here in portion of drinking houses will Washington county, and in admore than likely be reduced dition to this we have negro representatives in the legislature and no one complains, and yet with all this the stalwarts of the north complain that the negro

s abridged of his liberty and efforts are made to induce him to go to Kansas. Republicans ism in the northern states means bulldozing and in the southern states it means the same thing. THE Galveston News of the th inst. is fairly loaded down with the advertisement of the city delinquent tax list, the same occupping nearly the entire second page. Extensive tax sales are bad signs. This advertisement is published in the News because it is desired by

the collector that the people of

Galveston shall know that their

property is advertised for sale.

It might have been published

in other Galveston papers at a

mere nominal price, but would in that case have failed to answer its purpose, as, but comparatively few persons would have known it. Tax sales are published in the newspapers for general information. THE senate finance committee have, by a majority of one. resolved to postpone consideration of the silver bill till December. The west and south want unlimited coinage of silver while the east, representing the money power is opposed to it. Bayard of Delaware is one of the leaders of the anti-silver party. Just how the democratic party is going to harmonize on this. the silver problem, is a question that the leaders of the party must determine. It promises to be a knotty question, but we have an abiding faith in the a change of venue to William-

ocratic party. THE LaGrange Record thinks there are too many negroes in Texas; that they are a luxury and a very expensive luxury at wood Banner says, excitement that. It says colored criminals and colored schools cost at with considerable force. Pros- least \$400,000 annually. It derwood and lackson, the only pecting is vigorously prosecuted would make short work by and mineral is found in various abolishing the schools and paywere seen in the neighborhood localities within a radius of ing \$800,000 for criminals; the

cohesion of the grand old dem-

STATE NEWS.

- Brownwood wants a rail-- Texarkana has four news-

- Cotton picking will soon in Brownsville. - Flatonia is about to es-

h a graded school. walking match is in are repor-They go to escape political perown railroad secution, and to a land where trips to Aus-

> - Times are so dull in Jefferson that nobody can afford to get sick - Woodpeckers are pecking

> igly holes in the church steeps at Waco. - Cotton worms have appeared in several places near

- Sausage should be cheap Corsicana, nearly a thousand ogs have been slain.

Salado, Bell county.

- Flying fish has been disovered in a pond at Breckenridge, Stephens county. - The summer fights have

opened at LaGrange and that's about all that is going on there. - Gus. Miller, a fisherman, was waylaid and killed six miles up the river from Austin on the

- Two of the principel witnesses in the Morse murder case have run away from Cal-

complain of continued dry weather; the corn crop is suf-- Work on the Texas and had five calves killed the same St. Louis narrow gauge railway

has been commenced at Tex-

- Waller county farmers

-"Mumbledepeg" has become a fashionable amusement in Sherman, and a club has been organized.

orado county has a Durham bull, three years old and weighing 1695 pounds. - Belton has just had a visit from the Waco firemen. Two days of festivity concluded with

a grand ball.

- Considerable property was sold for taxes at Hempstead on Tuesday. Nearly all was bought in by the state. - Waco and Fort Worth

have both had small fires. The total losses at both places being about \$3500. - Burglars operate boldly in Houston. The other night two stores on main street were en-

tered and robbed.

o'clock a gentleman on his way home in houston was knocked down and robbed. -Columbus polled 326 votes

at the city election last week. The Citisen thinks the population is nearly 3000. - Dr A M Cochran the newly appointed postmaster at Dallas, took possession of the

office on the 1st inst. - A number of physicians of Houston offer their services gratuitously if the city will establish a city hospital.

- The body of John Kelly an Irishman, was found floating in the bayou at Houston. He was accidentally drowned. -A "distracted" meeting has been going on among the ne-

groes in the Arcola neighbor hood for the past ten days. - Grubbs is a candidate for re-election to the office of mayor of Denison, the News is opposed to him and says he was a know

nothing.

- The Fort Bend county Agricultural, Horticultural and Emigration society is to have a meeting with a view to reorganization. - The federal court has rendered judgement against Har-

rison county for \$800,000 on the Texas and Pacific subsidy - Weimar has just had an extensive conflagration, and as usual in such cases, the citizens killed during the past few days. are going to organize a fire de-

county farmer, blew his brains out in bed while his wife was asleep by his side. She was not awakened. -Jos. Nalle, an Austin alderman, who killed a man in that city some months ago, has got

- Charles Horton, a Denton

son county. - Dave Welty, of Denison, s engaged extensively in the cultivation of blackberries. He thinks they will pay better than strawberries. - The killing of the fisher-

man Mueller, a few miles above

Austin, is characterized by the

Austin papers as a cold-blooded wanton murder. - The examination of Thomas Morris occupied four days at Bail was refused.

-Some people are easily pleased; new cora has appeared shouts, 'Glory! we'll soon revel

in fried roasting ears!" - Jerome Hawkes was arrested at Georgetown last Saturday. He is in great demand, being wanted in Bell, Milam and Tarrant counties.

- The Waco Examiner speaks of Brown, the ex-manager, who figured there last winter as a"very lordly cuss," The description is good.

- Ben Baker, editor of the Columbus Citizen, has been reelected mayor of that city. The people seem to know they have a good officer. -- The citizens of Hillsboro held a railroad meeting-they

railway connection with thewant

other world and don't care what road gives it to them. - The Sunday law is being vigorously enforced in Denisor and the saloonists have greased the hinges on the back doors so that they wont "skreak."

- The wheat crop of Mason county will make about 8 bushels to the acre. Burnet county was needing rain last week; the oat crop has turned out well.

- Mrs. J. George, living in Kaufman county, was shot thro the window while going to bed. She refuses to give the name of the would-be assassin. Jealousy. - A number of families from Trinity county, passed-through

Crockett, en route west. The

local paper says the cattle owned by the party were very - Capt. W. K. Davis, who lives near Richmond, had two fine horses killed by lightning last week. During last year he

way. Seymour and Cantrell charged with robbing the Yuma. stage line, were committed to jail at Dallas just because they could not give \$10,000 bond

- Ino. D. Hunt, charged - Capt. T. J. Oakes, of Colwith the murder of Capt. Killough, at LaGrange, is described as a man of 45, medium size, high forehead, light hair, and deep blue eyes.

each.

county seat of Grimes county and offers a bonus for the privilege. The Tablet suggests that an election be held to settle the disputed point. - The Dallas Bee sets up a buzz about dogs; a correspon-

ent wants the dog law repealed

and the paper wants it to stand.

- Navasota aspires to be the

There are several thousand extra dogs in Dallas. - On Friday morning the body of another drowned man was fished out of the bayou at - On Saturday night at 9.30 Houston. The verdict was

Death from drown name supposed to be Kerhn." - Wm. Coward, brother of the man recently convicted of murder at Houston was tried at buckshot accompanied by a note Anderson a few days ago, for theft of a mule and sentenced

to 10 years in the penitentiary - The new city officials of Dallas are, it is said, giving general dissatisfaction. They are doing a great many things they ought not to do and the things they ought to do are

left undone - The Denison News of the 5th inst says a wagon contain ng a colored man and his famipassed through town on luesday evening. They were from Washington county and en route for Colorado.

- Louis Lebrecht was an aigned before Justice Riddle at Denison, on Wednesday last for violation of the Sunday law the case was tried by a jury and ably argued by counsel. The verdict was not guilty. - A planter at Eagle Lake,

Colorado county, writes to his

father in Galveston, that cotton

worms are numerous in that sec-

ion, and that nothing short of vigorous poisoning will save the crop when they reappear. - The negroes in the vicini ty of Golinda, Falls county have established an "exodus" o their own. Those who go never return. Three have been

A woman was the cause of it - All the hogs about Flatonia got on a grand drunk the other day. The brewery had a lot of sour beer and turned it out where the hogs had a chance to drink it and make hogs of themselves by getting royally tight.

- Under the genial fluence of the full moon the Indians are on another raid. A dispatch from Fort McKavitt says "Indians are reported to have driven off nine horses from Pecos spring, sixteen miles below this post.

- Good wheat is raised in Houston county, but not in sufficient quantity to do any good. The Crockett Patron is of the opinion, that with flour at from eight to ten dollars per barrel Hempstead, being concluded at | there might be money in raising 11 o'clock on Friday night. enough wheat for home con-

- The municipal canvas at Denison has been conducted in Jefferson and the Jimp man with considerable acrimony. There was two factions the Grubbers and Pecksniffians, the two candidates for mayor were Grubb and Peck.

- A colored man has shown in Navasota the largest and best stalk of cotton. The colored people would be all right and much happier if they let politics alone and work a little more. The industrious darkies always make money.

- The Belton found says there could be no better appointment to take charge of the proposed normal school at Huntsville, than Dr. E. D. Pitts, president of Chappell Hill Female College. He is a successful educator, and an accomplished gentleman.

- On Sunday night, the 1st instant, Jesse Allison, colored, was assassinated on Garey's farm in Falls county. On Monday two negroes, George and Tom Fair, were arrested, but released. Wednesday both were found dead-one hanged, the other shot-a clear case of lynch-

- Crime in Harris county is almost eradicated, the present term of the grandjury have found very few indictments In Galveston county it is much the same. Crime has been so reduced that Major Frank Spencer. the district attorney, speaks of resigning—there is not busi-ness enough to pay. -- The Flatonia Argus con-

tains the advertisements of four flour mill-two at Gonzales, one at Waelder and one at Flatonia. The Argus insists that farmers should raise wheat, as it has been demonstrated by actual experiment, that it can be as readily and as certainly grown as any other crop, corn and cotton not excepted. - Mason News-Item: New

machinery for the Mason steam mills is on the road - A genuine tramp, all the way from the Pacific coast, passed through town. He was hoofing it to Minnesota .-- Wheat is flailed out in Mason county .- A new courthouse is soon to be erected .- An attempt of the prisoners to break jail was nipped in the bud.

- Emma Arthur, a negro woman, aged about 20, was suddenly struck blind while drawing water from a well in Houston. She had had a quarrel with -another woman named America, and firmly believes that America has voudooed her. The blind woman has been taken to the hospital and it will be

ascertained whether or not she has been voodooed. - A man named Blevins, who lived near Turnersville, Coryell county, had become obnoxi he was suspected of cattle stealing, was tried and vindicated. still the people were dissatisfied and sent him three nice little to the effect that he must leave the county in ten days or hell would be his portion. He left, abandoning his growing crop. This is bulldozing.

- At Orange there are five lumber and four shingle mills ; at Beaumont six lumber and two shingle mills, all of the largest capacity and the most modern improved machinery, capable of producing jointly 375,000 feet of lumber and 380,000 shingles daily. The demand for these articles is enormous, fully commensurate with the production and is destined to increase, keeping step with the growth and decoment of this great state. until their manufacture will become one of our most lucrative

and important industries. - Houston has just been the scene of a cowardly murder. On Saturday morning, Heary Quarles, a negro barber, threw his wife, Rosa, to the floor and while he deld her down fired two shots into her head, killing her instantly. They had been on on Tuesday night he drove her away from home. She returned on Saturday morning when he accused her of having stolen \$25 of his money, she denied it and after some words he killed her. She is said to have been a faithful and correct woman. After the murder he escaped, but was caught by the officers about midnight on Saturday, in the woods a few miles from Houston. He says he was crazy when he did the shooting and is now "mightly sorry."

Boston Post: "At Cedar Rapids, Iowa, strangers are arrested for flirting with the girls. Probably the men of the town realize that they stand no show against outside competition."

The movements of Stanley, the African explorer, seem to be shrouded in mystery. He arrived at Zanzibar in his little vessel, the Albion, on the 18th of March. The secret of the object of his new African expedition had been well kept up to the time of the departure of the last mail, but it was generally supposed that his destination was the Congo.